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THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FARMERS AND
HOMEMAKERS WHO WERE ONCE 4-H CLUB
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A radio talk by H. E. Daniels, District Agent, Negro Extension Work, State College, Orangeburg, S. C., delivered in the National 4-H Club Radio Program, May 4, 1935, and broadcast by a network of 59 associate NBC radio stations.

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There is no group contributing more to the development and establishment of better home and farm practices and the ultimate, permanent and profitable program of agriculture in the State than farmers who were once 4-H club members.

Thomas Kelley, Darlington County, a 4-H club member for eight years followed the advice of his county agent and has become a successful farmer. He conducted twelve demonstrations valued at \$1,350 with a profit of \$850. He used the profit to start paying off a mortgage on the home place of ninety acres. Following diversified farming and improved practices he has kept up payments on the mortgage, thereby saving his home.

Besides supporting himself and six sisters and brothers, he has equipped his farm with three mules; two milk cows; twenty-five head of poultry and eight head of swine. His farm is equipped with sufficient farm implements to enable him to operate at a profit. His home has some of the ordinary comforts and is above the average in his community. Kelley attributes his success as a farmer to the lessons learned while in club work.

Paul Webber, Jr., Richland County, was a club member for six years. He conducted demonstrations in cotton, corn and swine and made a profit of \$400.

Inspired through club work, he entered the State Agricultural and Mechanical College and completed his work in 1931. He returned to his community and was elected to teach in the Junior High School. Proving his worth, he was promoted to the principalship and vocational teacher in the same school and community where he enrolled in club work in 1921.

Because of the training in club work and college, Webber is able to lead his community in a two-fold purpose - as a teacher and as a farmer. He operates his own farm and his yield in cotton, corn and forage crops has increased 25 percent. Year-round garden and permanent pasture have been established, his home conditions improved. Older farmers of the community look to Webber for council and advice. His neighbors say that club work has brought to them a successful farmer and leader. They are grateful for this splendid teacher of agriculture and rural leadership.

Wesley Smalls of Beaufort County is putting into practice the lessons learned while in club work. He was forced to stop school and take over the farm when a young man. He follows the advice of the county agent and is making a success. He carries demonstration in livestock, soil building and year-round garden. He has supplemented the family income by selling fresh vegetables from his garden the year round. Merchants send to his farm for vegetables to supply their needs. He is a local community leader and has developed into a fine citizen.

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Ed Hunter, Jr., owns a twenty-five acre farm with a comfortable home which his father gave him for his fine record made in club work. He is still carrying adult demonstrations and is a leading farmer in his community.

Ferdinand Nathaniel, Sumter County, whose parents were tenants, made a record in club work by introducing pure-bred swine and pure-bred corn and cotton seed on his father's farm and in his community. When his neighbors saw the improvement and success with his demonstrations they visited his farm and gained much valuable information. More than fifty farmers in his community are now planting pure seed and raising pure-bred livestock. Though Nathaniel is only a renter, he is a successful farmer, selling corn and cotton seed in and out of his community and is well on the way to ownership.

He says, "Club work has been of much value to me and I wish that older farmers could have had the advantages. I learned more about better farm practices, value of pure-bred seed and livestock, and how to cooperate and plan my farm to the best advantage. I feel that my demonstrations have helped my community because they have made farm life more profitable, more attractive and satisfying. Club work enabled me to lead a contented life on the farm."

Mary Parris is supporting her family from money earned from her chickens and garden each year. She was a member of the Dutch Faulk Club for five years, and now she is a leader for the same club.

She has her pantry shelves sufficiently stocked to give the family a balanced diet and has sold \$146 worth of vegetables in the past two years. Investing some of the money from the garden, she bought one hundred and seventy-five Rhode Island Red eggs and hatched out one hundred and fifty-six chicks. From this lot she raised one hundred and thirty-eight chicks. Besides having chickens to supply the home needs, she sold some and took the money to buy wire and material to build a modern poultry house.

Now she has a splendid plant and gets a supply of eggs and chickens to sell the year around.

There are many such examples of men and women who caught the vision in club work and are carrying on in making the Best Better.
